

Hawaii Marine

Hawaii Medal of Honor ceremony salutes fallen heroes

Lance Cpl. Nathan Knapke
Marine Corps Base Hawaii

HONOLULU — Families, fellow service members, state senators and representatives gathered at the state Capitol to remember fallen Marines and soldiers by awarding them the Hawaii Medal of Honor, March 27. Family members came from across the U.S. to accept the award for their loved ones who made the ultimate sacrifice. “My daughter and I came all the way from Florida to receive the award for my husband,” said Jennifer Riddick, wife of Master Sgt. Travis Riddick, 40, of Centerville, Iowa. Riddick was among the six Marines from Marine Heavy Helicopter Squadron 363, who died Jan. 19, 2012, in Helmand province, Afghanistan, when their CH-53D helicopter crashed. “We love reuniting with our Marine Corps family, who we have come to know and love,” Jennifer Riddick added. “The ceremony was a great way to recognize the ultimate sacrifice of our fallen heroes.”

The Riddicks were among the small groups of family members and friends of the fallen who were able to receive the medal in person. Nineteen fallen



Photos by Lance Cpl. Nathan Knapke | Hawaii Marine
Jennifer and Victoria Riddick, wife and daughter of Master Sgt. Travis Riddick, hold back tears as they accept the Hawaii Medal of Honor on his behalf during the ceremony.

service members were honored. House Bill 8, designated as Act 21, Session Laws of Hawaii of 2005 reads, “The purpose of this act is to provide for a Hawaii Medal of Honor that would help express the deep appreciation and gratitude of the people of Hawaii to the loved ones of members of the military who sacrifice their lives in defense of our nation and its freedoms.” “The Hawaii Medal of Honor is reserved for those who have touched our islands and have felt the touch of our people,” said Rep. Mark Takai, who played a pivotal role in creating the Hawaii Medal of Honor. “These medals symbolize our aloha; our farewell to those we have lost, but also our love for those who have lived among us, touched us and sacrificed for us.” As of Dec. 31, 2012, Hawaii has lost 327 service members in Operation Iraqi Freedom and Operation Enduring Freedom, said Takai. Marines throughout the island, including 3rd

Marine Regiment and Marine Aircraft Group 24, attended the ceremony to honor their fallen brothers and support the families who received the medal on their behalf. “These men and women see and experience more than any person should have to ever experience in their entire lives,” said Tom Logan, father of Cpl. Joseph Logan 22, of Willis, Texas, who also died in the Jan. 19, 2012 helicopter crash. “These guys have done a lot for our country, it’s great what this state does for the military.” Takai said, “We offer the Hawaii Medal of Honor as a small token that can never in itself repay the honor that has been given to us. An honor borne of courage, driven by duty and paid for in loss.” Marines who received the Hawaii Medal of Honor are Riddick, Logan, Capt. Daniel B. Bartle; Capt. Nathan R. McHone; Cpl. Kevin J. Reinhard; Cpl. Jesse W. Stites; Lance Cpl. Gregory T. Buckley; Staff Sgt. Scott E. Dickinson; and Cpl. Richard A. Rivera Jr.



Marines and sailors applaud during the ceremony at the state Capitol honoring their fallen brothers and supporting the families.

Two former POWs visit wounded warriors, share stories of resilience, hope

Kristen Wong
Marine Corps Base Hawaii

Rice mixed with rocks, bug-infested bread and boiled pumpkin soup for dinner. Communicating through taps on the wall. Alone in a cell, not knowing if you would ever see home again. These were just a few of the hardships retired Navy Capt. Gerald Coffee and Jim Hickerson recounted while visiting Wounded Warrior Battalion West — Detachment Hawaii, Wednesday. The two former prisoners of war were invited to speak with the wounded warriors on the 40th anniversary of their release from Hanoi. “Gentlemen, I would just like to say thank you for your service, and thanks again for coming out and speaking to our Marines and sailors,” said Lt. Col. Burl Hudson, officer in charge of the detachment. “We really appreciate it, and it’s an honor for us to have you here.” Coffee and Hickerson, who both served in the Vietnam War, were captured and held prisoner — Coffee for seven years, Hickerson for five. The two were among more than 500 service members who endured torture, pain and filthy conditions under the watchful eye of Vietnamese authorities. Coffee, who currently lives in Honolulu, was born in Modesto, Calif., and served more than 20 years in the Navy, earning various military awards including a Silver Star, two Bronze Stars and the Distinguished Flying Cross. Coffee was a POW in North Vietnam from February 1966 to 1973. He wrote about his experiences in “Beyond Survival: Building on the Hard Times – A P.O.W.’s inspiring story.” Coffee has been a guest speaker at countless venues, including “Larry King Live” and NBC News.



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Retired Navy Capt. Gerald Coffee reenacts a time when he taught a new prisoner how to communicate via tap code while visiting Wounded Warrior Battalion West — Detachment Hawaii, Wednesday. Coffee and retired Navy Capt. Jim Hickerson, both former prisoners of war, were invited to speak on the 40th anniversary of their release from Hanoi (Coffee in February 1973, and Hickerson in March of 1973).

Hickerson, who also currently lives in Honolulu, was a POW from December 1967 to March 1973. Raised in Atlanta but calling Lenoir, N.C., home, Hickerson was commissioned in 1956. Among other decorations, Hickerson was awarded the Silver Star, Legion of Merit and Distinguished Flying Cross. Members of the detachment, their families and additional guests gathered in the wounded warriors’ lounge to hear the former POWs share their story. Coffee and Hickerson took turns sharing personal experiences, including being captured and days in the prison. The prisoners at one point even developed a system of communication called the “tap code.” Each prisoner would knock on the wall a certain

number of times to spell out a message to the prisoner next door. The tap code came in handy as prisoners heard and spread U.S. news from the prison television. Prisoners also used the tap code to offer tips that made cell life a little easier and to wish each other good night. Finally, at the close of the talk, both men had words of wisdom to pass on to the wounded warriors. “Be honest about yourself, what you’ve been through,” Coffee said. “Understand that it’s going to take some time and some specific effort, some very specific effort to recover from that sometimes but that doesn’t change the fact that you guys are very special and America loves you.” Hickerson also offered words of encouragement to the wounded

warriors as they continue to recover. “We are not dealt the deck of cards that we like all the time,” Hickerson said. “But if you have a foundation (you can achieve your goals). I have the utmost faith and confidence in you as Marines, especially as Marines, that you can do it. I’m very proud to be with you here today.” Hickerson and Coffee then opened the floor to questions. Hudson presented them with plaques of appreciation, and various members of the audience approached to shake the hands of the guest speakers. “I feel as if I could relate to them in a way,” said Cpl. Aaron Metheringham, a recovering Marine at the detachment. “I feel a camaraderie there, a deeper camaraderie than a normal service member would.” Metheringham said he liked the way Coffee and Hickerson presented their story with a positive perspective despite the negative situation of being a prisoner of war. “I feel privileged that they spoke with us,” said Capt. Joe Elder, a recovering Marine at Wounded Warrior Battalion West — Detachment Hawaii, who was among those attending. Elder said even though the wounded warriors may have a “long road to recovery,” listening to the former POWs speak reaffirmed the idea of human resiliency. Hickerson, for instance, remembered a fellow prisoner who still walked despite a broken leg that healed in the wrong position and commented on how much human bodies can endure. Coffee also spoke about how prisoners supported each other, which helped them leave prison in a stronger condition than one would expect. “It’s about overcoming, not just surviving, but rising above it all,” Elder said.



Batter luck next time!
Golden Eagles soar over Kings of Battle, B-1



MALS-a-Palooza
MALS-24 celebrates with sports, family, C-1

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NEWS BRIEFS

Easter Services aboard MCB Hawaii

Below are the scheduled Easter worship services on base. For more information call the Chaplain Joseph W. Estabrook Chapel at 257-3552/5138.

Catholic Services
Stations of the Cross - Today at 6 p.m. (followed by a light meal)
Holy Saturday - Saturday at 8 p.m. (Easter Vigil Mass)
Easter Sunday - Sunday at 9:30 a.m. and 5 p.m.

Protestant Services
Good Friday - Today at 5 p.m.
Easter Sunrise - Sunday, 6 a.m. at Ft. Hase Beach/LZ Eagle
Easter Worship - Sunday, Liturgical at 8 a.m.
Contemporary at 11 a.m.

Early closure today of Legal Services Center

The Legal Services Center in building 215, will close early today at 11:30 a.m. For details, call 257-6738.

Unit Recycling Competition launched

Bring your recyclables to the RRR Recycling redemption truck in the Annex Parking Lot between 11 a.m. and 4 p.m., April 5. Mention your unit for credit and keep the cash. Dependents and civilians can earn credit for units, too. The small unit and large unit with the most containers will each win a monetary prize, awarded at the Earth Day Expo at Mokapu Mall on April 20. For details, call James Sibert at 257-4300 or 216-3468.

Naval health clinics closure

All naval health clinics will be closed at noon on April 5. All Naval Health Clinic Hawaii treatment facilities will have limited health care services on April 5. Medical and dental services will be provided from 7:30 a.m. to noon. Starting at noon, all health care services will be secured for the day. This includes appointment scheduling, prescription refills, laboratory draws, etc. All clinics will re-open on April 8. The urgent care walk-in clinic at Makalapa Clinic will be open on April 6 from 8 a.m. to noon and 1 to 3 p.m. for acute care needs. To speak to a medical care provider at anytime the clinics are closed, please call the “Provider After-Hours Advice Line” at 473-0247, ext. 3. For emergencies, dial 911 or go to Tripler Army Medical Center. For active duty dental emergencies, dial 864-4705.

Join in lunch time ‘Legal Brown Bag’ talk

There will be a “Legal Brown Bag” class available for executive officers, legal officers, first sergeants and sergeants major and officers of the day about search, seizure and restriction. The class will be held April 4 from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. on the first deck conference room of the Legal Services Center in building 215. Attendees will eat lunch and hear about examples of actual local cases and ways to avoid legal pitfalls in these areas. The room has a limit of 30 seats, so reserve a seat early. Please contact Maj. Tyer-Witek by phone at 257-6745 or email Hanorah.tyer-witek@usmc.mil to RSVP.

Base tax center open for free tax preparation

The base tax center is currently providing free electronic tax preparation and filing services through April 26. Walk-ins are welcome during office hours, which are Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. All active duty military, retirees, family members and reserve military on active duty for more than 30 days are welcome. For more information, call 257-1564.

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Cpl. James A. Sauter | Hawaii Marine

A World War II .50-caliber machine gun lies in its case after being dug up during a debris cleanup of the Kaneohe Base Range Training Facility during the summer of 2011. The cultural heritage series of Marine Corps Base Hawaii’s Environmental Compliance and Protection Department is responsible for preserving the historic archaeological and architectural sites on the base.

Keeping Hawaii beautiful: Environment Department helps preserve nature, historic heritage

Cpl. James A. Sauter

Marine Corps Base Hawaii

Looking more than 600 years into the past during the 15th century, the majority of historians and scholars would give their studious attention to the major concerns and events of the age. Europe transitioned from the Late Medieval period into the early Renaissance, Western explorers searched for a faster trade route to the exotic Far East, the Chinese emperor oversaw the construction of the Forbidden City and the Aztec and Incan Empires reached the peak of their influence in Mesoamerica and the Andean mountain range.

On the other side of the world in the middle of the

Pacific Ocean, native Hawaiian fishermen set up the earliest known fishing camps along the Mokapu Peninsula’s coastline. They built walled fishponds and practiced aquaculture to cultivate a steady harvest of fish for food. Archaeologists estimated about 150 people inhabited the peninsula, and for nearly 400 years they buried their dead in the sand dunes along the peninsula’s northern shore.

As the world entered the 21st century, the Mokapu Peninsula had seen a dramatic change in appearance since British naval Capt. James Cook landed on the island of Kauai and became the first European to visit the “Sandwich Islands” in 1778. The peninsula is presently known as

Marine Corps Base Hawaii and is home to approximately 16,000 service members, military civilian employees and their families.

The U.S. military maintained a presence on the peninsula for more than a century from the earliest coastal defenses built by the U.S. Army in response to World War I and the construction of Naval Air Station Kaneohe Bay in 1938 in anticipation of World War II. Since then, early construction unintentionally disturbed some of the burial sites.

Charged with the task of preserving the historic and cultural heritage on the base, as well as maintaining the natural

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TAKING A SHOT AT RECYCLING FOR THE WIN



Christine Cabalo | Hawaii Marine

Lance Cpl. Alex Bosma, a helicopter mechanic with Marine Aviation Logistics Squadron 24, tosses a bottle into one of several recycling bins set up at building 375. The squadron won last year’s Unit Recycling Competition and is gathering bottles and cans again. Service members and civilians can redeem recyclables and credit a specific unit for the contest in the Annex Parking Lot, April 5 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

AROUND THE CORPS

Military engineers host holiday competition

Pfc. Kasey Peacock

III Marine Expeditionary Force

CAMP HANSEN, Japan — Engineers annually celebrate the life of St. Patrick, the patron saint of engineers, on St. Patrick’s Day.

Students with the Missouri University of Science and Technology formalized the celebration in 1903, and it has since increased in popularity to become a tradition in some U.S. military engineering units.

Marines with 9th Engineer Support Battalion hosted their own field meet inviting six Okinawa-based units with engineering capabilities, including Air Force and Navy units, March 15 at Camp Hansen.

“Based on the amount of exercises and operations we conduct together as engineers, this event was a great opportunity for us to continue to build rapport through friendly competition,” said Sgt. Maj. Thomas M. Burkhardt, the sergeant major of 9th ESB, 3rd Marine Logistics Group, III Marine Expeditionary Force.

“It was great to see the engineers from different branches come out here and give it all they have in the competitions. It reflected all our engineers’ fighting spirit and willingness to accomplish the task.”

The field meet consisted of different events relating to the engineering field, including a sway-brace throw, find-the-rebar challenge, blarney stone toss, bangalore rush and chariot race. The meet also included more traditional events, such as a tug-of-war competition, several relay races, a tire flip and a truck pull in which competitors had to tow a 7-ton truck 100 meters.

Each team earned points according to how it placed within individual events. After all events were completed, Marine Wing Support Squadron 172 was crowned the winner.

“Even though we didn’t win, it was great to get out there and spend time with my engineering brothers and sisters,” said Seaman Lacey A. Barnes, a constructionman with Naval Mobile Construction Battalion 5.

“It was great to interact and come together for a friendly day of competition.”

During the event’s lunch break, staff noncommissioned and commissioned officers played a game of softball. Lt. Gen. Kenneth J. Glueck, Jr., commanding general of III MEF, joined the game to pitch an inning for each team.



Sgt. Jacob Harrer | 1st Marine Division

Combat engineers with Combat Assault Battalion race around the track with a chariot during the final event of a St. Patrick’s Day field meet March 15 at Camp Hansen.

Regardless of the branch of service, engineers have led the way in countless exercises and operations, according to Air Force Lt. Col. Bryan C. Opperman, the commander of the 18th Civil Engineer Squadron, 18th Wing.

“Whether we are supporting or maneuvering (during) operations, engineers lead the way and play a huge part in our nation’s military,” said Opperman. “The biggest takeaway from today was everyone out here getting to know each other and having fun, which makes the engineering community stronger.”

Marines strengthen international relationships during mission

Cpl. Kenneth Jasik

1st Marine Logistics Group

DUMAGUETE, Philippines — One can have no better friend and no worse enemy than a United States Marine. For many in Dumaguete, Philippines, they understand the benefits of such a friendship, thanks to the efforts of the service members who participated in Pacific Angel 2013, an annual joint humanitarian assistance mission.

Pacific Angel had two main efforts: medical and engineering. While medical professionals helped heal Filipino civilians, military engineers repaired and renovated three schools.

The medical portion of the operation was held in a Dumaguete stadium. Doctors with the Army, Navy, and Air Force treated more than 1,000 patients.

Engineers with the Air Force, Army, Marine Corps, and Filipino Army worked together and shared their knowledge of construction projects. This team included two engineers from 7th Engineer Support Battalion, 1st Marine Logistics Group.

“We went out to three different job sites,” said Cpl. Cameron T. Grant, a combat engineer with Bravo Company, 7th ESB, 1st MLG. “Each [site] had a number of different branches in it. We



Courtesy photo

Cpl. Cameron T. Grant, a combat engineer with Bravo Company, 7th Engineer Support Battalion, 1st Marine Logistics Group, poses with children at an elementary school in Dumaguete, Philippines, while participating in Pacific Angel, March 3.

had a good opportunity to not just learn about the militaries of other countries but the other services as well.”

The schools repaired were in dire need of renovation. They had no walls, electricity or windows, and the concrete fences around the campuses had dangerous rebar sticking out, according to the Marines.

“Before [the work began] there were

no walls,” said Sgt. William L. Bain, a combat engineer with 7th ESB. “After, it had electricity, walls with fresh paint, fans and windows. It was a complete 180.”

“[The Filipinos] were very excited and thankful that we were there. The locals were very helpful,” said Grant, 22, from Denver. “[Pacific Angel] was pretty heartwarming. It wasn’t so much

the work we were doing but the time we spent with the people is what made it such a great experience.”

The Marines used their experience as combat engineers to repair the dilapidated school. Because of their integration into the other services, it was both a chance for them to learn and to teach their methodology of engineering.

“Instead of going out and doing something for training purposes, I was actually out there using my expertise,” said Grant. “I was taking what I learned from the military and using it to help out a community.”

Each team of about 20 engineers took about 10 days working on a school. In that time, the locals treated the service members like family.

“It was a short amount of time, but the biggest thing for me was getting to know the people there,” said Bain, 27, from Portland, Ore. “You got a chance to talk to them and learn from them.”

For the two 7th ESB Marines on Pacific Angel, the trip was a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity and a truly rewarding experience.

“I loved it,” said Bain. “I wish I could do it again because it was so rewarding helping those little kids out. When we left, the kids were crying, because they didn’t want us to leave.”

‘Fighting 13th’ readies command and control for deployment

Sgt. Christopher O’Quin

13th Marine Expeditionary Unit

MARINE CORPS BASE CAMP PENDLETON, Calif. — In the 1984 film “Amadeus,” antagonist Antonio Salieri mentions Mozart’s work as miraculous, stating, “Displace one note and there would be diminishment, displace one phrase and the structure would fall.”

Just like music needs the right structure and form to make an impact, so does a Marine Expeditionary Unit command operations center.

From March 14 through 21, the 13th Marine Expeditionary Unit ran its command operations center for a MEU exercise, aboard Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton.

The goal was to bring about a harmony between the Command Element and the supporting elements in their Marine Air-Ground Task Force through reliable communication, just like music.

A command operations center, or COC, provides the MEU leadership a means to provide command and control to all levels of the unit, receive real-time information and pass information to higher levels of command. This is achieved through use of expeditionary equipment and communication assets.

“Here we receive transmissions and pass the information along,” said Lance Cpl. Nathaniel E. Winstead, a radio operator with 13th MEU. “We are



Courtesy photo

Marines with 13th Marine Expeditionary Unit disassemble an RF 291 Field Radio Antenna during break down of the command operations center aboard Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton, March 21.

the voice of the COC. All communication comes through us. It wouldn’t be a COC without that direct line of communication.”

The MEU brought numerous shipping containers full of tents, antennas, radios and other technology to provide a variety of methods of communicating with other Marines.

“We’ve brought out GATR satellite systems, (Support Wide Area Network) Terminals, and a host of equipment to communicate with the supporting elements,” said 1st Lt. Bulat Chainourov, joint task force enabler officer in charge with the 13th MEU Command Element. “This enables the MEU to talk to everyone from pilots flying missions to company commanders leading troops on the battlefield.”

At the conclusion of the exercise, the 13th MEU packed up its gear into containers in preparation for future training at Marine Corps Air Ground Combat Center Twentynine Palms. In the coming months, they will embark their gear for deployment aboard ship.

“The purpose of this MEUEX is to test our equipment, our Marines and ensure we can set up a Cape Set 3 COC during our deployment,” said Master Sgt. Joaquin F. Rios, assistant operations chief for 13th MEU. “If we need to run extended operations on shore we can have this up and running in less than 48 hours.”

The Cape Set 3 configuration of a COC is one of the smallest and lightest which will enable the 13th MEU to maximize space on ship and leave a smaller footprint on land. This ultimately makes the MEU lighter and more expeditionary.

If the time comes for the Fighting 13th to deploy Marines and sailors for a real world crisis, this COC can provide the infrastructure and communication to carry out any mission anywhere.

FALL IN FOR OPERATION

OOH-RAH KIDS

Kids experience Marine Corps life



Children in Sierra Company learn how to march outside of Hangar 101 near Kaneohe Bay during Operation Ooh-rah Kids held March 22. This year's participants were divided into more than a dozen companies who competed in a drill team competition at the end of the event.

Story and photos by Christine Cabalo
Marine Corps Base Hawaii

More than 145 children stood at attention, even in rain showers, to showcase what they learned from Operation Ooh-rah Kids on March 22.

The annual event hosts children of Marine Corps Base Hawaii personnel for a daylong mock deployment around the base. The event teaches children about deployment and how to handle related stress.

"Families (continue to) experience separation from deployments," said Claudia LaMantia, this year's event organizer and the readiness and deployment support trainer at Marine Corps Family Team Building Hawaii. "We want to help those families with that separation stress."

LaMantia said she and other volunteers strived to include as many realistic details about deployment as possible. When checking in, each child became responsible for a backpack assigned from the Individual Issue Facility. After buckling up their military gear, the children were grouped by age into more than a dozen companies named Alpha through Zulu.

The children practiced marching together in formation under direction from volunteering Marines and sailors. Some participants carried their company's guidon flag, as volunteers demonstrated how to properly hold it. They marched from the base theater to Hangar 101, with escorts from the Provost Marshal's Office and staff from Marine Corps Community Services blowing bubbles as they walked by.

"They were very enthusiastic and wanted to do this," said Lance Cpl. Jezer Colon Leon, who volunteered and is a radar tech with Marine Corps Air Station Kaneohe Bay. "There wasn't any crying from the children. Some were already standing up, ready to run to the hangar."

Inside the hangar, the group learned strategies for handling deployment stress from the Families OverComing Under Stress program volunteers. In addition to hearing from FOCUS program speakers, the group was introduced to MCB Hawaii personnel and their equipment.

"I wanted to get the word out about the new helicopters and let the kids know what we do here," said 1st Lt. Ryan Coulter, a pilot with Marine Light Attack Helicopter Squadron 367 who gave a tour of the AH-1W Super Cobra. "We get to work with the greatest helicopter ever."

Marines also gave the children tours of a CH-53E Super Stallion helicopter and other land equipment including howitzer artillery and a 7-ton truck.

Just in time for lunch, the children marched to Dewey Square while chanting cadence. At the square, each company joined together for a hands-on look at more MCB Hawaii units. The children used radio communicators, triage supplies and explosive ordnance disposal robots while speaking with active-duty service members. Participants also raced through an obstacle course based on the Combat Fitness Test. They ran with ammo cans, threw water-soaked toys and quickly crawled to the finish line.

"They are bold," said Sgt. Deshaun Green, a diesel mechanic with Combat Logistics Battalion 3 who volunteered. "They aren't afraid or shy. Even the younger ones are excited."

This was the third year MCB Hawaii hosted Operation Ooh-rah Kids, and many of this year's participants attended previously. Returning attendees Benjamin Mathis and Mai Love said they liked having a closer look at the EOD robots.

"I got to drive the robot this year," he said. "There are four cameras on it. You can see all around with the robot's cameras, and open and close its claws."

For the final event, the children competed in a drill team contest. When the skies sprayed rain, judges and the children marched on to compete. Zulu Company took first place.

Even when it rained, Operation Ooh-rah Kids participants used their new skills to take command and be in the position of attention anywhere.



One of several participants of Operation Ooh-rah Kids races through the modified Combat Fitness Test course. On March 22, children ran with ammo cans and crawled to the finish line.



Hospital corpsmen demonstrate how to insert intravenous fluids during Operation Ooh-rah Kids held at Dewey Square March 22. Participants also learned about other military professions including handling working dogs, field radio communication and explosive ordnance disposal.



Members of Delta Company run to their volunteer drill instructors for the final drill team competition held at Dewey Square during Operation Ooh-rah Kids, March 22. Participants learned about proper etiquette and courtesies for deployed Marines and sailors during the event.



MarForPac Band marches in parade to honor Prince Kuhio

Story and photos by
Lance Cpl. Matthew Bragg

Marine Corps Base Hawaii

HONOLULU — Marines in the U.S. Marine Corps Forces, Pacific Band marched in the 11th annual Prince Kuhio Commemoration Parade, Saturday.

The parade celebrated the contributions of Prince Jonah Kuhio Kalanianaʻole, who was the founder of the Hawaiian Civic Club and propelled the passing of the Hawaiian Homestead Act of 1921. The purpose of this act was to give native Hawaiians their own land. Prince Kuhio was the first Hawaiian to be elected to U.S. Congress.

Among the parade of floats, abundance of food vendors and entertainment, the MarForPac Band serenaded crowds as it marched down Kalakaua Avenue. The band played various tunes, the most recognized song being the “Marines’ Hymn.” The crowds cheered and applauded the Marines, and some in the audience removed their ball caps in respect until the song ended.

For some veterans, seeing the MarForPac Band playing was more than just entertainment. Walter and Myrtle Powers, WWII veterans, and residents of



Drum line Marines in the Marine Corps Forces, Pacific Band stand at rest as they wait to receive their next command during the 11th annual Prince Kuhio Commemoration Parade in Honolulu, Saturday. The drum line performed several drum solos throughout the duration of the parade.

Priest Lake, Idaho, attended the parade and were overjoyed to see the Marines. Walter served as a Navy corpsman at a Marine air base in Goleta, Calif., alongside his wife, Myrtle, who served

as a dietitian in the Marines.

“I served in the Marines, and I love the Marine Corps to this day,” Myrtle Powers said. “It thrills me to see the Marines marching in the parade.”

The MarForPac Band Marines warmed up before marching to ensure their instruments were shined, tuned and ready to perform.

“We’re in paradise, but it’s not just a vacation for us,” said Gunnery Sgt. Brad Rehrig, drum major for the MarForPac Band and a native of Leighton, Pa. “We usually do at least 10 parades throughout the year because tourists are a brand-new audience and we have to make sure we sound as good as we look.”

Tourists visiting Hawaii gathered along the street to watch the parade as it ran through the heart of Honolulu and passed Prince Kuhio’s statue near Kapiolani Park. As the parade passed the statue, participants in the parade handed leis to the crowd to place around the statue as a token of respect.

“The Marine Corps is all about building community relations with the locals,” Rehrig said. “Connecting with the locals helps us to be able to play at more events and bring music to the community around us.”

After the MarForPac Band marched past the statue, kids crowded the sidewalks taking last-minute photos of the band before ending their march. The band was given the command to fall out, and children shouted “ooh-rah” at the Marines as they walked toward their bus to disassemble their instruments.

“It’s amazing to see the Marines are still serving proudly,” Walter Powers said. “The Marines were doing great things when I served during the war and they’re doing great things now.”

The Marine Corps Forces, Pacific band marches down Kalakaua Avenue toward Kapiolani Park during the 11th annual Prince Kuhio Commemoration Parade in Honolulu, Saturday. The parade commemorated the life and events of Prince Jonah Kuhio Kalanianaʻole for various achievements, such as the Hawaiian Homestead Act of 1921 and being the first Hawaiian elected to the U.S. Congress.



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The Enhanced TRICARE Retiree Dental Program is available to all military retirees (including gray area retirees) and their eligible family members, unremarried surviving spouses and their eligible children, as well as Medal of Honor recipients and their eligible immediate family members. The program covers cleanings, exams, fillings, root canals,

gum surgery, oral surgery and dental accidents on the first day that coverage becomes effective; after 12 months of being in the program, it then covers crowns, bridges, partials, braces and dental implants. New retirees who enroll within four months after retirement from the Uniformed Services or transfer to Retired Reserve status are eligible to waive the 12-month waiting period for major services; supporting documentation is required.

The Enhanced TRDP provides every enrollee an annual maximum of \$1,200 per person, a \$1,000 annual maximum for dental accidents and a \$1,500 lifetime maximum for orthodontics. It is important to note that the money that the TRDP pays out for preventive and diagnostic services doesn’t count against the annual maximum – those benefits are in addition to the \$1,200. Retirees can find more information on the program, as well as enroll 24/7/365, online at trdp.org.

TRDP enrollees realize the maximum program savings (an average of 22 percent) when seeing a network provider. To find a network provider, as well as utilize the consumer toolkit to print ID cards, view annual maximum information, see if claims have been paid and sign up for e-mail updates, please visit trdp.org. If you have any questions or need any assistance, please call our customer service toll-free number at 888-838-8737.



Crime Prevention Tip of the Month

Operation Over Watch is back! The operation is an effort to minimize larcenies targeting vehicles, homes and personal property in the residential areas throughout the base. Personal or government property should never be left unsecured and unattended. When you are finished using your items, remember to put them away. Operation I.D. offers personnel residing in housing or in the barracks the opportunity to check out electronic engravers. The engraver can be used to engrave any personal property deemed valuable to the owner. Burglars want to resell your property, so marked property is easier to identify and harder to sell.

Topic of the Month

There is a new program for base residents called Eagle Eyes, a web-based system designed to allow the community to report suspicious activities or behaviors. Eagle Eyes is a community-driven program and requires proactive engagement. Effective immediately, you may browse <http://www.usmceagleeyes.org> to submit tips, leads, incidents and suspicious activities. In addition to allowing you to enter detailed descriptions into the system, the capability exists to upload or attach any digital photography. In the first quarter of fiscal year 2013, the Provost Marshal’s Office received 31 anonymous tips involving crimes against property. The program has the potential to assist in solving more crimes with the community’s help, and its ultimate goal is to help create a safe environment for the community. Eagle Eyes is not designed to report emergencies. To report an emergency, call 911. Every report is an important piece of the puzzle and will be reviewed by trained personnel. Law enforcement and mission assurance personnel on base encourage good faith reporting and reserve the right to contact you to verify or clarify the information you provided. For more information, please contact the Crime Prevention Office at 257-8312, the Force Protection/Mission Assurance Department at 257-8460/56/57 and refer to MARADMIN 641/11.

IN CASE OF EMERGENCY, DIAL 911!

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ecosystem, MCB Hawaii’s Environmental Compliance and Protection Department and its staff work chronically to meet the balance between ecological conservation and Marine Corps training.

“As a whole, the environment department mission is to meet compliance with federal and state laws and Marine Corps orders while meeting our training requirements and coexisting with the natural environment,” said Capt. Derek George, director of the environment department and native of Portsmouth, Va. “We want to preserve the natural and historic cultural heritage here on the base.”

The department includes roughly 20 programs that cover specific areas, such as cultural heritage conservation, environment management and restoration, wildlife conservation, household chemical disposal, pollution prevention, water quality management and recycle and solid waste.

These programs are used to enforce the laws and orders passed by the federal and state governments and the Marine

Corps. The department goes to great lengths to ensure they’re enforced; otherwise, a violation could stop projects and training.

“The staff of professionals here work constantly to keep in compliance with the laws and keeping with continuous dialogue with the local community,” George said. “The department’s cultural resource series does a lot of consultations with the native Hawaiians here on the island because of the base’s significant history.”

The cultural resource series is responsible for preserving both the archaeological sites on the base, such as the Mokapu burial grounds, in addition to the architectural sites, such as Hangar 101 of the base’s air station, which was bombed seven minutes prior to the Japanese aerial attack on Pearl Harbor in 1941.

June Cleghorn, the senior cultural resource manager of the environment department’s archaeological series, explained that certain parts of the base are categorized by their likelihood to have artifact remains. Cleghorn said several findings have been made while

preserving the Nuupia fishponds on the base.

“Besides being a wildlife preservation, these ponds were built by the Hawaiians 600 years ago,” Cleghorn said. “We want to protect the ponds and the remnants of the people who lived during that time. The archaeological data shows they probably came here initially to cultivate marine resources for food.”

Over the years, several areas around the base were discovered to be locations for primarily fishing and agriculture. As the population grew, ceremonial structures and shrines were built. The sand dunes along the northern shore were utilized as a burial site. During the buildup of the base in response to World War II, sand from the beaches was used during the construction of new buildings. Unfortunately, some of the burials were accidentally desecrated.

The environment department now works to preserve the remaining sites by educating the public to stay away from the dunes and not removing any sand from the beaches. Signs can be found at the beaches giving details on what

the public cannot do on the beach for the sake of protecting the heritage the native Hawaiians hold to be sacred.

One of the other satisfactions the cultural resource team has is finding artifacts from different eras of the base in addition to the human remains. In 2011, an operation range clearance was conducted to clear the Kaneohe Base Range Training Facility of debris.

According to the Ralph Scott, the base range safety officer, a lot of World War II aircraft parts were buried at the range and were surfacing. The environment department was involved to help remove the finds. The team salvaged 17 weapons, including .50-caliber machine guns, of which eight were in good condition to be put on display. One machine gun is currently on display at Operations and Training in building 216 across from Dewey Square.

The department handles many projects, striving for one goal especially.

“The personnel here are the utmost professionals in what they do, and they help to facilitate the training here on the base while at the same time keep Hawaii beautiful,” George said.

Sports & Health

HQBN prevails over Postal in a foul-filled final fight, 43-37

Kristen Wong
Marine Corps Base Hawaii

The intramural basketball season came to a close with a brutal tug of war between Headquarters Battalion and Postal, resulting in Headquarters Bn.'s win, 43-37, at the Semper Fit Center gym, Wednesday.

The two rivals had seen the likes of each other on the hardwood once before, at the beginning of the season — their very first game.

"I'm glad we had two teams both out of the same unit in the championship game," said Postal coach James Warren. "That's good for our battalion so I'm happy about that. We've already beat them early, the first game of the season we beat them in a pretty lopsided victory."

Headquarters Bn. shared the same sentiment, ready for a rematch with its foe.

"We're excited," said Levi Gothard, coach of the Headquarters Bn. team. "We have an intercommand rivalry. We're just ready to go out there and win."

Warren did lament that the team was unable to seek revenge on Patrol Squadron 9, to whom they lost during the season. Gothard agreed that VP-9 was the toughest team to contend with this season, with experienced players.

"They had great outside shooters and they had great coaches," Warren said. "They played very well together."

This was the last game for Warren. He said he plans to retire from playing basketball and spend more time with his family.

"I can't do the same things that I could do a season, even two seasons ago," Warren said. "It's time for me to ride off into the sunset. I've had a good time this season," Warren said.

As for this last face-off, Warren expected Headquarters Bn. to return with a vengeance.

"I'm sure they're going to come better prepared this time around for us," Warren said. "Kudos to them on fighting through and making it to the championship game."

On Wednesday evening, basketballs slammed against the hardwood floor, as the teams awaited the battle ahead.

At the sound of the whistle and the initial tip-off, Headquarters Bn. and Postal wasted no time, and



Kristen Wong | Hawaii Marine

Headquarters Battalion player Marcus Martin takes a shot during the championship game for the intramural basketball season at the Semper Fit Center gym, Wednesday.

immediately started filling both ends of the scoreboard in the blink of an eye. Pools of sweat spread across the floor, and referees paused the game for a quick towel sweep.

With as little as four minutes left in the game, Headquarters Bn. and Postal were literally fighting like children over a valued toy. The clock repeatedly came to a halt as the shrill whistle of the referee stung the ears of everyone in the gym, and players kept earning shooting fouls.

With 9.5 seconds left, Postal grabbed the ball and made one last dash down the court, only to have Headquarters Bn. snatch it back and hang on until the buzzer blared.

"Overall we found out what our weaknesses are and

some stuff that we've got to work on to better ourselves for the 101 Days of Summer," said Postal player Tony Gaisoa. "So, as a team it's a good experience, that way we can grow together ... being number one got us all comfortable. But, you win some, you lose some."

The Headquarters Bn. players received water bottles and T-shirts for their first-place win.

"It was a hard-fought victory," Gothard said. "It was a close game. Two defensive teams against each other was a huge defensive struggle. We scored 43 points and we're usually scoring 50 or 60 ... we've been waiting for this game all season, so we're glad we pulled it out. They had to start fouling us at like three minutes because they couldn't keep up with us ... we're the real Headquarters Battalion team."

Golden Eagles scrape by Kings of Battle, 14-13, end streak

Lance Cpl. Matthew Bragg
Marine Corps Base Hawaii

Two teams, Patrol Squadron 9 (Golden Eagles) and 1st Battalion, 12th Marine Regiment (Kings of Battle) batted against each other as two nearly unstoppable forces at Riseley Field, resulting in a 14-13 win for the Golden Eagles, Tuesday.

Both teams each have one loss, with the Kings of Battle recording its first loss Tuesday night after an early effort by the Golden Eagles, which they handed to each other.

"We got some revenge on them this time," said Thomas St. Pierre, a catcher for the Golden Eagles and a native of Staten Island, N.Y. "We bore down on defense, and we just hit the ball hard."

The Kings of Battle started the game on the offensive as players quickly filled the bases. The Golden Eagles constantly kept an eye out for anyone trying to sneak to the next base.

"We are a team that likes to steal bases, and we

like to run," said Andrew Whatley, coach and player for 1st Bn., 12th Marines and a native from Austin, Texas. "We have a lot of fast players on our team, so we choose to take that risk."

As both teams changed positions on the field, the Golden Eagles jumped on the scoreboard quickly. Batters stepped up to the plate and hit the ball hard, giving teammates enough time to touch home base.

"We got our bats hitting the ball early in the game," St. Pierre said. "It seemed like every time we swung the bat, we hit the ball hard enough to give us a point."

Though the competition between both teams was fierce, several players were missing from both lineups. The Kings of Battle's lineup worsened when one of its players sustained a knee injury while sliding to third base.

"We were missing four key players coming into this game," Whatley said. "We did the best we could with what we had left, but we still played a heck of a game."

Coming into the fifth inning of the game, the Kings

of Battle were behind by several points and, with the clock ticking, they needed to plant more points on the board. The Kings of Battle quickly sent balls flying down the field and filled the bases with players. Hit after hit, the Kings of Battle almost tied the game.

The Golden Eagles were able to keep the Kings of Battle from scoring any more points by quickly getting the outs they needed to finish the fifth inning. The Golden Eagles were up only by one point with a score of 14-13, and the game ended at 9 p.m. due to the regulated time limit.

"They played a great game even without some of their players," St. Pierre said. "We played harder than they did, and at the end of the game it paid off."

The Golden Eagles were excited to get the win against the Kings of Battle and are eager to go all the way this year.

"It felt really good to win this game," said Jake Allen, coach and player for VP-9 and a native of Norwood, N.C. "We look forward to making the playoffs and winning the championship this year."



Lance Cpl. Matthew Bragg | Hawaii Marine

The Kings of Battle pitcher hurls the ball to a Golden Eagles batter during a game between the Golden Eagles and the Kings of Battle at Riseley Field, Tuesday. Both teams were missing key players throughout the game, but each team played hard, resulting in a very close game.



Versus is a recurring column tackling debatable issues in the sports and entertainment world. Hawaii Marine readers can submit a subject for future columns by emailing their ideas to HawaiiMarineEditor@gmail.com.

If there’s a topic you would like to discuss/defend or if you think we missed the mark, let us know and you could see your “opinion,” regardless of how wrong it is, featured below. Suit up ladies ... it’s game time.

Will the Miami Heat break, now that their win streak is over?

Lance Cpl. Jacob D. Barber VS. Lance Cpl. Janelle Chapman

BARBER: Before I start my long list of reasons why this year’s Miami Heat team is overrated, I’ll answer the question that many newscasters, sports fans, and reporters have been pondering for nearly a month. Will the Heat continue to dominate the NBA’s Eastern Conference? I say no. But it’s not just a regular no, I say this no with all my heart and with a lot of enthusiasm, as in there is no chance in ... well, you get it.

CHAPMAN: But why do you say no? I think they will continue to take over. Just because they lost their first game in the last two months doesn’t mean their streak of dominating is over. They only lost by four points! It’s funny how everyone thinks because they lost one game, after winning 27 consecutive games, they will choke. When you’re a good team with good players, you know that one bad game won’t ruin your capabilities to win the rest. Next

game they will dominate like they have been doing the whole season.

BARBER: I’m doubtful their consistency will continue — I’m confident they will have to work out some kinks before playing at that level. Yes, we all love the saying “leave it all on the court,” but in reality that doesn’t always happen, especially when you were facing history of breaking the longest winning streak in NBA history like this Heat team. As far as their skill and dominance, you are aware this team barely squeezed past the Celtics a week ago right? In order for this Heat team to end this season with a ring, they will have to face some hungry teams in the playoffs, including the red-hot Indiana Pacers and the powerhouse New York Knicks. There are a lot of teams with the players and bench to stop LeBron James and Dwayne Wade. Once these guys are stopped,



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all the chaos and band-wagoners surrounding the Heat will finally simmer down.

CHAPMAN: You’re so confident that this loss will hurt the rest of their season, but they beat each team by an average of 11 points during this winning streak. Six of those games they were down by double digits, but came right back to the top (where they belong) and took the game. One loss won’t stop them. They may have squeezed by the Celtics, but at the end of the day who won the game? The Heat. I wish the next teams luck when trying to take down the Heat, when LeBron James averages 26 points per game and Dwayne Wade 23 points, a total of 49 points per game. And the playoffs will be a good chance for everyone to see what the Heat is truly made of. So just watch and see...

BARBER: I’m confi-

dent LeBron James and Dwayne Wade are not a team. I’m a firm believer you have to play with teamwork to be consistent, and I haven’t seen much of it on this Miami Heat team. Sure they had a good run, but playoffs are a different ball game with a whole lot more intensity. We’ll see what happens, but I believe their dominance stopped at United Center in Chicago.

CHAPMAN: LeBron James and Dwayne Wade do not make up the entire team, but they are the best players. And what team doesn’t have its star players. The Heat have a team with many talented players, ones who can make plays and pick up slack, so I have no doubt the Heat will continue to dominate. One small loss will not determine the rest of the season. I rest my case the Heat will continue to show everyone what they are made of.

SPOTLIGHT ON SPORTS

Race in the Single Marine & Sailor Program’s Surf and Turf 5K

Come out for the Surf and Turf 5K, April 6 at 6:30 a.m. The run will take you from the Officers’ Club through the Kaneohe Klipper Golf Course, and along North Beach.

This event is open to the public. Visit <http://www.mccshawaii.com>.

Hike with Single Marine & Sailor Program

Scale the heights of Kuliouou Ridge with other single service members, April 14. The hike is free and transportation will be provided. Meet up at Kahuna’s Recreation Center by 8 a.m. and begin the trek at 9 a.m. Sign up in person at the SMSP office in building 1629 or call 254-7593. Sign-up deadline is April 11.

Push your limits in Lanikai Triathlon

Go solo or form a relay team for this Kailua race for April 21. Swim for 500 meters in Kailua Bay before biking 20 kilometers and completing a 5-kilometer run ending at Kailua Beach Park. For more information, call 223-2622 or see <http://www.bocahawaii.com>.

Give Haleiwa Metric Century Ride a spin

The 21st annual Haleiwa Metric Century Ride is scheduled for April 28 at 7:30 a.m. For more information call 735-5766 or visit <http://www.hbl.org>. Forms are also available at the Semper Fit Center.

Give up using tobacco with cessation classes

Free tobacco cessation classes are held every Tuesday from 10 a.m. to noon. The classes are conducted by a registered nurse and take place on the second deck of the branch medical clinic.

There are four classes in a session and each monthly session begins on the first Tuesday of the month.

The classes are open to active duty, retired military and their dependents. For more information, contact health promotions at 254-7636.

Roll down for cosmic bowling at K-Bay Lanes

Glow-in-the-dark games at K-Bay Lanes are available Fridays from 9 p.m. to midnight, Saturdays from noon to midnight and Sundays from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. For more information about K-Bay Lanes, call 254-7693.

Youth sailing classes now offered

Sailing and water sports classes for ages 8 and older are offered monthly. After school sailing classes are held for beginners on Mondays and Wednesdays from 3:15 to 5:15 p.m. Students will learn beginner to intermediate skill building.

The racing class meets Tuesdays and Thursdays from 1 to 3 p.m. Students will learn the intermediate to advanced racing theory and tactics and train for racing in Hawaii Youth Sailing Association regattas. For more information, call the outdoor recreation and equipment center 254-7666.

Swing into the Klipper Junior Golf Program

All authorized patrons ages 6 through 17 are eligible for the Klipper Junior Golf Program, a year-round program to bring children and teens to the game of golf. Certified PGA Professionals will teach basic playing skills, rules and golf etiquette. Each session is five weeks long. Classes are held Wednesdays and Saturdays from 4 to 5 p.m. for the younger beginning golfers and 5 to 6 p.m. for the more experienced golfers. Juniors can bring their own clubs or the staff can provide them. Collared shirts are mandatory. Tennis shoes or golf shoes are acceptable dress. For more information, visit <http://www.golfacademyhawaii.com> or call 386-3500.



Medically retired Marine Joey Smith, All-Marine Warrior Games Team archer, celebrates with fellow Marine archer Cpl. Beau Parra after shooting well in the opening qualification round of the Warrior Games archery competition at the U.S. Olympic Training Center in Colorado Springs, Colo., May 12, 2012.

Hawaii-based Marines prep for 2013 Warrior Games

Lance Cpl. Jacob D. Barber
Marine Corps Base Hawaii

Every year, the Marine Corps Wounded Warrior Regiment selects 50 Marines from across the nation to represent the Marine Corps in a Paralympics-style competition known as the Warrior Games. The All-Marine team is selected according to how well each Marine performs at the Marine Corps Trials, a preamble to the actual competition. This year, two Marines from Wounded Warrior Battalion West — Detachment Hawaii will join the All-Marine team as they prepare to defend their first-place title by competing in many different activities at the Olympic Training Center in Colorado Springs, Colo., May 11 through 17.

“I think the Warrior Games is one of the best things the Wounded Warrior Regiment has to offer,” said Sgt. Rafael Cervantes, an All-Marine competitor from Detachment Hawaii and native of San Diego. “It’s one of the best ways to recover — by training yourself for the event and just giving yourself a goal to stand by and focus on.”

Cervantes, who will be competing in cycling and volleyball, made 2013’s All-Marine team by performing exceptionally well at the Marine Corps Trials held



The All-Marine seated volleyball players huddle together in celebration during the Warrior Games at the U.S. Olympic Training Center in Colorado Springs, Colo., May 12, 2012. Events include seated volleyball, archery, shooting and swimming.

earlier this year at Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton.

“I just tried my best and trained hard all year in hopes of making the team,” Cervantes said. “A lot of sweat and time went into the training I’ve done to prepare myself for the events, and I’m excited to see how well I do against everyone else.”

Sgt. Clayton McDaniel, an All-Marine competitor from Detachment Hawaii and native of Molalla, Ore., also made the team by excelling at his two events — shooting and archery.

“I would say I’m definitely proud of myself and excited about competing against the best,” McDaniel said. “There was quite a few people who participated in the trials, so to stand out and make this 50-man team means a lot — especially when we’re representing the Marine Corps against other services and even other nations.”

Competitors for the event are categorized as “the best of the best.” Only top wounded warrior athletes from each military branch are chosen and even other nations including Canada and France participate in the annual game events.

“I would definitely compare the Warrior Games to the Olympics for those who are trying to get a better idea of what it is,” McDaniel said. “It’s a little more motivating though to see amputees on the track sprinting or in the pool swimming, but even more than that, these guys are athletes — great ones! Just being a competitor is an honor and I can’t wait to see how it goes.”

Sgt. Rafael Cervantes, a 2013 All-Marine competitor from Detachment Hawaii, poses for a photo after trying out for the 2013 Warrior Games at the Olympic Training Center in Colorado Springs, Colo., May 11 through 17.





Photos by Christine Cabalo | Hawaii Marine

Players vie for the ball during the second day of Semper Fit Center's 3-on-3 elimination basketball tournament, Wednesday. Teams played half-court games at the outdoor courts at midday. Each team included four players, three participating at a time, during a span of three days in the recent double elimination tournament.

Half-court hustle: Semper Fit hosts basketball tournament

Christine Cabalo
Marine Corps Base Hawaii

Basketball players served up hook shots and layups for lunch during Semper Fit Center's 3-on-3 double-elimination tournament run from Tuesday through Thursday. The tournament, which ran during lunch time, was held at the outdoor courts near the center. Teams of three players battled, with the option to call in a fourth player as a replacement to keep the game lively. "There's a lot of hustling in this game," said Johnnie Wiley, a sailor

with Marine Aviation Logistics Squadron 24 and whose team made the championship round. "The other team in the championship game beat us before, but because this is a double-elimination tournament they needed to beat us twice to win." Players had just 20 minutes of game time to make or break their tournament success. Referees mopped puddles of sweat before resuming play when the games moved indoors due to rain. When players took short breaks at the sidelines, their eyes were still trained on the game. Josh Ervin, whose team



Winning team members (left to right) Trokon S. Borbor; Chris Houle; Herman Crawford; and Gary Foshee smile after playing the second-to-last game for the basketball tournament, Thursday.

opposed Wiley's in the championship, spent his rest time looking for holes in his opponent's offensive strategy.

"Their team was made up of mostly shooters," Ervin said. "I didn't see any players who were good grabbers or drivers,

they did a lot of open-jump shots." Before heading into the final game, Ervin predicted his team would win with its well-rounded player strategy. The speedy games matched the fast pace many participants go through in their lives, as many said they normally play basketball during their lunch hour. Chris Houle, a sailor with Helicopter Anti-Submarine Squadron Light 37, said it was great to play in a tournament scheduled to accommodate his work and family commitments. Houle and his teammates said they appreciated the smooth

way they all played together, even though they came from three different base units. "The tournament teams are especially exceptional because you see a lot of teamwork," said Gary Foshee, who played on Houle's team and is a Navy chaplain with Combat Logistics Battalion 3. "Our team definitely keeps the ball rolling, passing the ball around, and you see a lot of good teamwork." The final game was quick as the rest of the tournament, but Foshee's team snatched the ball and victory with a score of 21-17.

ENVIRONMENTAL CORNER: DON'T LET YOUR CAT GO AWOL



Free roaming cats (both domesticated and feral) pose a serious threat to the natural environment. It is estimated that there are 300,000 feral cats on the island of Oahu alone.

The Hawaiian Humane Society annually receives 14,000 to 16,000 cats and about 2,500 get adopted out. Many of these cats can be vectors of diseases, such as toxoplasmosis as well as carriers of parasites.

Cats did not evolve in North America and the Hawaiian Islands as natural predators, therefore native birds, such as the ground-nesting wedge-tailed shearwaters fall victim to cat attacks as they have no natural defense against this type of predator.

Marine Corps Base Hawaii is home to five species of endangered birds which are

protected under both state and federal laws.

Cats must be kept indoors for the protection of wildlife and the health of your family and pet.

When domesticated cats run free, they run the risk of being struck by a vehicle, contracting a fatal disease, suffering from parasites and many other potentially life-threatening situations.

The life expectancy of a free roaming cat is less than five years, whereas an indoor cat can live up to 20 years.

For more information about this issue, please visit the MCB Hawaii Environmental Natural Resources Fish, Wildlife & Plants website: <http://www.mcbhawaii.marines.mil/Departments/Installations,EnvironmentLogistics/Environmental.aspx>.

Hawaii Marine Lifestyles

Friends, families share laughter at

MALS-A-PALOOZA!

**Story and photos by
Lance Cpl. Jacob D. Barber**

Marine Corps Base Hawaii

Marines and sailors with Marine Aviation Logistics Squadron 24 and their families attended MALS-A-Palooza, a family picnic event, March 22, in celebration of 365 days without any alcohol related-incidents within the squadron.

The event, held at C Street Field on Marine Corps Base Hawaii, was filled with festivities and activities all ages could enjoy, which included a live performance from the Ron Artis Family Band from the North Shore, a bake sale, and many games for children to enjoy.

"The day was a lot of fun and it was great to see all the families come out and spend time together," said Cmdr. Kristen Herr-Garrett, executive officer for MALS-24. "It was a great way to just relax and enjoy some activities with the family — along with some great food and a live band. This was our way to give the Marines and sailors a pat on the back for staying out of trouble and working hard."

While some attendees enjoyed their favorite beverage to the tune of the live band, others spent time with their families, barbecued, baked, and chased their children from the jump house to the dunk tank and back to the shaved ice display.

"This is the first time we've hosted this event so our main goal was to make it fun for all ages, said Rina Thomas, the family readiness officer for MALS-24. "When we were still in the planning process, we found out that the Ron Artis Family Band had a strong interest in performing for Marines and sailors — by bringing them down we knew it would make the event that much better and I think everyone who came really had a great time but the music made it amazing."

Despite the rain, Thomas believed the family event was a big success and because of the bake sale, the squadron was able to raise money for its 2013 Marine Corps Birthday Ball as well as give away several small prizes to raffle winners.

When asked what her favorite event of the day was, Herr-Garrett smiled and said the dunk tank.

"There was a lot of cool stuff going on but I have to say the dunk booth was very entertaining," Herr-Garrett said. "We were able to get some of our favorite people within the squadron wet and witness a lot of funny facial expressions — great Kodak moments."

Marines with Marine Aviation Logistics Squadron 24 play a game of horseshoes during a family picnic event, MALS-A-Palooza, at C Street Field, March 17. The event was in in celebration of 365 days without any alcohol related-incidents within the squadron.



TOP: Jason Garrett, treats his son Brandon to some shaved ice during Marine Aviation Logistics Squadron 24 family picnic event, MALS-A-Palooza, at C Street Field, March 17. **LEFT:** Children of all ages participated in several activities and games during Marine Aviation Logistics Squadron 24 family picnic event, MALS-A-Palooza, at C Street Field, March 17. **BOTTOM:** Marines with Marine Aviation Logistics Squadron 24 cook up some barbecue during MALS-A-Palooza, at C Street Field, March 17.



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PASS IN REVIEW

Your weekly guide to the best aspects of entertainment

Welcome to the Pass In Review, your No. 1 source for cinema, music, video game, book and product reviews. The Pass In Review crew consists of more than 10 critics, each with their own idea of what makes a movie, album, game, product or book great. So be sure to take advantage of the Better Know A Critic section, which spotlights this week’s critics to better help you choose the critic with opinions most like your own. Using our breakthrough four-point scale system, you can quickly decipher what is worth your time and what isn’t, or read the full review for an in-depth analysis and explanation of the rating. The rating system uses ammunition and range terminology, so if you’re not familiar, here’s a quick breakdown of the ratings ...

- 1/4 — No Impact, No Idea**
Horrendous. Among the worst of the worst in its genre. Dedicating time to this is not only wasteful, but unforgivable. Avoid at all costs.


- 2/4 — High And To The Right**
Mediocrity at its best. Lacks a few things that might have made it really good. A decent time waster, partake only if there’s nothing better to do.


- 3/4 — On Target**
Praiseworthy. A great endeavor, not quite an instant classic but still very entertaining. This is a sound investment of your time.


- 4/4 — Confirmed Kill**
Genius. In the top 10 percent of its genre. This is the stuff legends are made of. Missing out on it would be a disservice to yourself.



So, there you have it and we hope you enjoy our weekly reviews. Don't forget, the Hawaii Marine accepts submissions from its readers so if you consider yourself a film buff, music aficionado, gaming geek or bookworm, feel free to submit your own reviews.

‘Wonderstone’ less-than-perfect magical experience

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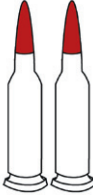
Despite the flashing lights, big props and sleight of hands, “The Incredible Burt Wonderstone” falls short of being incredible. A regular cut-and-dry comedy movie with a predictable plot, two magicians, Burt Wonderstone (Steve Carrell) and Anton Marvelton (Steve Buscemi), are two friends who grew up loving magic. Upon reaching stardom and fame, the duo is washed up and Wonderstone’s ego out of control. Perhaps the greatest magic trick up their sleeve is fooling the audience with their flashy smiles and sleazy acting while secretly loathing one another. The plot of the movie takes a turn when a young street magician, Steve Gray (Jim Carrey), begins a parody of Criss Angel, wooing the crowd away from the duo’s generic act. The movie spends the rest of its run time focusing on Wonderstone figuring out himself as both a person and a magician and remembering how to have fun while doing what he loves. The story was enjoyable, giving the audience a sense of fresh thought being put onto film. Almost all movie genres have been picked clean off the bone, but every once in a while a piece of meat is found. This story was unique and piqued my

interest, because it was something new and not overused. Unfortunately, the movie opened in the box office during a difficult month, forced to compete with other comedies such as “Silver Linings Playbook” (Bradley Cooper and Jennifer Lawrence) and “Identity Thief” (Jason Bateman and Melissa McCarthy). “The Incredible Burt Wonderstone” also faced a movie starring another magician, “Oz the Great and Powerful” (James Franco, Rachel Weisz and Mila Kunis), which was more appealing to moviegoers. The cast consisted of a few A-list actors, but their acting was not A-list material.



As a fan of all three, I was not impressed by their performances and was actually disappointed. Carrey was the biggest disappointment due to his inexperience of playing the role of the “bad guy.” Buscemi’s acting was decent, but definitely not some of his best work. As well as Carey and Buscemi, Carrell’s performance lacked the ability to produce genuine laughter from the audience, which he is known for. This film was unique and had potential, but using the same plot and sequence structure displayed the film in a generic way that made the entire movie very predictable. The film tried to make good use of foreshadowing, but I found myself already knowing what was going to happen next. This film is simply OK. Rated PG-13, the film is worth watching if you are with friends or family, and you are looking to pass the time. If you choose to see it, do not go expecting to see anything incredible.

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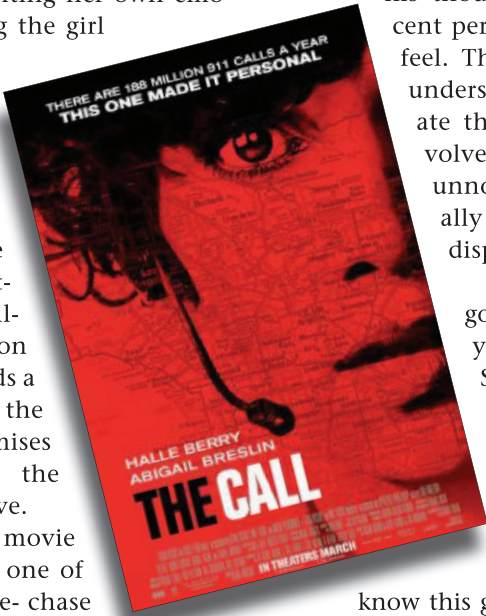
(High and to the Right)

An emergency dispatcher’s worst nightmare

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In this great thriller, Jordan Turner (Halle Berry), an emergency dispatcher, responds to a phone call with the universal answer, “9-1-1, what’s your emergency?” Expecting the usual calls of burglary and domestic abuse, she doesn’t expect a child abductor from her past to return. This film takes you behind the scenes of cops and kidnappings, putting you in the shoes of a dispatcher. Turner is known as one of the most calm, collected, and knowledgeable dispatchers until a call goes awry. The sequence of events spirals out of control, ending in the death of a teenage girl. Turner struggled to handle the dispatching after the interaction, and chose to teach the trade instead. But Turner lands back in the hot seat when a fellow dispatcher gets anxious over a call.

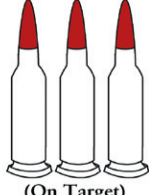
A nervous Turner takes the call, only to be put back into the position she was in six months prior. She must face her fear and help the abducted teenager. Between fighting her own emotions and keeping the girl calm, Turner must keep her alive. She does the one thing no dispatcher is supposed to do, and that’s become emotionally attached to the caller. She remains on the line, and builds a relationship with the girl, making promises and convincing the girl she will survive. I enjoyed this movie because it wasn’t one of those cliché police-chase or in-the-eyes-of-the-bad-guy movies. It gave me insight on the



dispatchers, what they do and where they work, or “the hive” as they call it. Most movies only show the cops chasing the abductor, the abductor and his thoughts, or the innocent person and what they feel. This film helped me understand and appreciate the other heroes involved, the ones that go unnoticed. I never really thought about the dispatchers until now. In the end Turner goes above and beyond the call of duty. She shows us that sometimes we have to do a little extra if we want something done. Her bravery was inspiring. She didn’t know this girl; she didn’t need to do all she did to save her. Berry played a convincing selfless character.

I think they could have picked a better actress to play the abductee (Abigail Breslin), but Berry did an amazing job with her role. She convinced me that I was watching a real life 9-1-1 call. The killer had me convinced as well, that he was really a crazed, unstable man. I felt like each of the characters made an impact in the movie. Overall this movie is a good choice. This thriller takes many different twists and turns, none of which is predictable. It’s almost like a combination of “Taken,” “Taking of Pelham 123,” and the “Saw” series. Some of the scenes will make your skin crawl, others will have you staring in sheer amazement, and some will tug on your tear ducts. If you like on-the-edge-of-your-seat thrillers, twists and turns and Halle Berry, this may just be the movie for you.

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(On Target)



Prices: All shows are \$3.25 for adults and \$2.25 for children. For ticket pricing, the Base Theater Box Office defines an adult as a patron 12 and older and defines a child as a patron from 6 to 11. Children 5 and younger are admitted free of charge. Parents must purchase tickets for R-rated movies in person at the box office for children 16 and younger. Patrons must present their military identification card when purchasing tickets. Call 254-7642 for recorded information.

“Safe Haven” PG-13	Today 7:15 p.m.
“Identity Thief” R	Today 9:45 p.m.
“Escape from Planet Earth” PG	Saturday 7:15 p.m.
“Snitch” PG-13	Saturday 9:45 p.m.
“Jack the Giant Slayer” PG-13	Sunday 2 p.m.
“Dark Skies” PG-13	Sunday 6:30 p.m.
“Beautiful Creatures” PG-13	Wednesday 6:30 p.m.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES, ON AND OFF BASE EVENTS

Base tax center offering free tax preparation

The base tax center is ready to serve you by providing free electronic tax preparation and filing services. The center will stay open through April 26 to assist you with all of your tax filing needs.

Walk-ins are welcome during office hours, which are Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. If these hours will not work for you, please call during regular business hours and they will make special arrangements to better serve you. All active duty military, retirees, family members and reserve military on active duty for more than 30 days are welcome.

The tax center is located in building 455, right across from the Forest City Housing Office, and next to the Teen/Youth Activities Center.

Bring all relevant information, including: all W-2s (including your spouse's), bank account and routing numbers, a copy of last year's tax return, military identification, all other tax forms (1099s, etc.), Social Security cards of all family members. For more information, call the tax center at 257-1564.

Help the hungry, needy at IHS

The Institute for Human Services seeks volunteers for opportunities ranging from providing, preparing and serving meals for the needy to daily shelter cleaning, painting, landscaping in garden areas or sorting donations.

Volunteer groups should contact IHS to schedule a volunteer date by emailing volunteer@ihs-hawaii.org or by calling 447-2842.

Join Hanauma Bay education program

Consider volunteering at Hanauma Bay if you have an interest in sharing information with park visitors. All volunteers must attend volunteer training, commit to a period of six months, and be at least 16 years of age.

Younger volunteers may be considered if they volunteer as a team with an adult. Applications are available online or by mail. For more information, visit <http://hbep.seagrant.soest.hawaii.edu/>.

Monthly recycling for HI 5 cent redemption

HI 5 cent redemption service has been changed to once a month. The first Friday of every month will be the only day the recycling contractor RRR will be on base across from the MCX Annex from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. For more information, call Jim Sibert at 257-4300 or 216-4368.

Environmental auditors aboard MCB Hawaii

Be prepared in case someone asks "Are you familiar with the Base CO's Environmental Policy?" If you aren't, you'll find Col. Brian P. Annichiarico's Environmental Policy on the Environmental Compliance and Protection Department's page of the base website.

Auditors from Marine Corps Installations Command will be on MCB Hawaii conducting an Environmental Compliance Evaluation on our compliance with environmental laws and regulations.

In the past, these auditors have randomly interviewed people on base to determine your/our environmental awareness.

They might decide to do that again next week. Reading the Base CO's Environmental Policy is a good place to start. For more information call Base Environmental, 257-9974.

MCB Hawaii base library temporary hours of operation

The base library located on the second deck of building 219, next to the base theater will have the following temporary hours of operation: Monday through Thursday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. The library is closed on federal holidays. For more information, call the base library at 254-7624.

DSTRESS Line available all hours, year-round

The DSTRESS Line is for active duty, reserve, veterans and retirees, as well as their families, in the western U.S., Hawaii, and Alaska. Callers will speak with veteran Marines, former corpsmen, and other licensed behavioral health counselors who have been specifically trained in Marine Corps culture and ethos.

The DSTRESS Line is anonymous. The 24/7/365 call center and resource directory help increase resilience and develop the skills necessary to deal with the challenges of life in the Corps.

Call the DSTRESS Line at 1-877-476-7734 or visit online at <http://www.DStressLine.com>.

Mothers Against Drunk Driving guest speaker

As part of April's National Alcohol Awareness Month and national alcohol-free weekend events, Teresa Winn from Mothers Against Drunk Driving will be the featured guest speaker April 5, from 1 to 2 p.m. at Kahuna's Community Ballroom. Winn will share her tragic, compelling testimony as well as provide invaluable insight and education regarding alcohol awareness and prevention.

All-hands are invited, however, due to limited seating capacity active duty ranks of E1-E5 will have first priority. Please contact your unit substance abuse counseling officer representative or the point of contact below for further information. For more information, contact Jonathan Barkley, the base alcohol abuse prevention specialist at 257-2464.

MARINE MAKEPONO

Means 'Marine Bargains' in Hawaiian

Boat for sale. Selling Seaswirl Striper boat and trailer. Features a 20-gallon fuel tank with a 90 horsepower Yamaha 2-stroke outboard motor. Includes safety equipment and Garmin GPS with fish finder. \$14,000 or best offer. Call Wesley at 772-2647.

Kaneohe studio apartment for rent. Available April 1. Large deck with ocean view of Chinaman's Hat and Marine Corps Base Hawaii. Includes custom bathroom with hot tub/shower, covered parking, refrigerator and sink with disposal. No

smoking or barbecuing. \$1,300. For more information, call 239-5459.

If you would like to sell, buy or trade something in the Marine Makepono section of the Hawaii Marine, fill out a form at the Marine Corps Base Hawaii Public Affairs Office in building 216, room 19. Please have your military ID and a short write-up of what you'd like to run. You can fill out the form on the spot or return it to the office later. Emails, faxes and telephone calls are not accepted for Makepono classified ads. Marine Makepono may only be used by active duty, reserve, retirees or their immediate families.